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OREST HEIGHTS NEWS

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0 Z * Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting

Monday July 2, 7:30 p.m. & August 6, 7:30 p.m.

Mayor/Council Meeting

Wednesday July 18, 2012 8:00 p.m.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Town Yard Sale Saturday July 14, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Forest Heights Day, Saturday August 4, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

at Bell Acres Park

National Nights Out Tuesday August 7, 2012

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR TRASH BIN BY STENCILING YOUR ADDRESS ON THE LID

While all bins have numbers this will allow for easy identification

JULY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Mayor/Council Workshop Meet- ing 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Town Office Close Fourth July 4	5 60 + Bingo 10:00 a.m. Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Community Card 1:00 p.m.
8	9 Trash/Recycle	10 Computer Class 3:00-4:00 p.m.	11 Yard Waste	12 Bulk Trash 3 Items Computer Class 3:00- 4:00 p.m.	13	14 Yard Sale
15	16 Trash/Recycle	17 Computer Class 3:00-4:00 p.m.	18 Yard Waste Mayor/Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.	19 Computer Class 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bulk Trash 3 Items	20	21 Share Food Pickup
22	23 Trash/Recycle	24 Computer Class 3:00-4:00 p.m.	25 Yard Waste	26 Computer Class 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bulk Trash 3 Items	27	28
29	30 Trash/Recycle	31 Computer Class 3:00-4:00 p.m.		Share Place You Last Day July	6, 2012	
			New Class for Computer Lessons start July 3:00-4:00 p.m.			rt July 10,

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> Citizens Hotline—ext. 306 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

> > **Phone (301) 839-1030** 8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Crime Report June 2012

The Forest Heights Police Department continues to welcome citizens who wish to participate in the Forest Heights Neighborhood Watch Program. For those who are interested, please contact the Councilman/Councilwoman from your Ward to obtain further information. A friendly reminder to all: Saturday, August 4th is Forest Heights Day. It will be held at Bell Acres Park located near North Huron Drive. Activities will commence at 11am with a surprise guest for the children. Tuesday, August 7th is National Night Out. Activities for NNO will be held at Bell Acres Park as well and will be hosted by the Forest Heights Neighborhood Watch, Forest Heights Town Volunteers, and the Forest Heights Police Department. We look forward to a great turn out for both events.

Col. F.R. Webb, Jr. - Chief of Police

CRIME

Destruction of Property	1	Recovered Stolen Auto	1
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1	Property Damage	1
Arrest	2	Vehicle Impound	1
Residential Burglary	1		

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Expired MD Tags	2	No Parking Anytime	2
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Handicapped Parking 1



ATTENTION ALL FOREST HEIGHTS RESIDENTS

This is an invitation from "The Friends of Forest Heights Police"

Help us keep a lid on crime in our community in 2012 Become apart of the Neighborhood Watch Meeting First Thursday, of each Month

July 5, 2012 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Become a member **** Conviértete en un miembro



Letter from Mayor

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION 35-12 — Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

ENACTED: June 20, 2012

A resolution to appropriate sums and amounts for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

Section 1. The general purpose of the Resolution is to appropriate sums and amounts for the 2012-2013 Budget of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland in the following areas of the General Fund.

Section 2. **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland that the sums and amounts are hereby appropriated for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, to defray expenses and operations costs for the Town of Forest Heights as follows:

REVENUES	
GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$5,363,900.54
Town Real Estate Taxes	957,104.00
Income Taxes	114,755.00
Other Taxes	49,760.00
Trash Fee	45,860.00
INTERGOVERNMENT	2,491,805.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 6,700.00
TOWN SERVICES	\$ 8,396.00
SPEED CAMERA	1,092,000.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$110,669.00
TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE*	\$386,851.54
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,363,900.54
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$57,030.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$300,534.79
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$212,380.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	638,481.13
PUBLIC WORKS	\$313,689.62
SPEED CAMERA	
Direct Speed Camera Cost \$659,395.00	
State Revenue After 10% of Budget 92,330.00	
Allowable Expenses 11,500.00	
STREET IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,091,700.00
TRASH SERVICES EXPENSE	\$153,860.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,223,000.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPENSE	\$309,000.00
STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	\$35,000.00
TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$116,000.00
GRANTS — RESTRICTED FUNDING	\$150,000.00
SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	5,363,900.54
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,363,900.54

Note: This balance is subject to adjustment at the completion of the Fiscal Year 2011 audit.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tax rates for fiscal year 2013 for all real and personal property which is subject to taxation by the Town of Forest Heights and as previously approved by Resolution 33-12 regarding the real property tax rate are restated, ratified and approved to be as follows:

Real Property \$.6248 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Business Personal Property \$ 1.25 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Waste Removal \$ 156.00 per household/flat fee

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect July 1, 2012. PASSED this 20th day of JUNE 2012.

APPROVED: By Order of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland Resolution FY13 Approved Budget1[1]

Town Community News (continued)

Section 24.10: Tax Abatements

Upon application to the Mayor and Council, a commercial establishment desiring to locate within the Town or a property owner desiring to be annexed into the Town may be granted an abatement of real property or other Town taxes by a majority vote and formal resolution of the Council.

Section 24.11: Tax Abatements for Commercial Development

- A. Tax abatements for commercial development within the Town may be granted when improvements made to real property would cause a significant increase in the assessable base of the applicable real property by at least 50% or would result in increasing employment opportunities for the citizens of the Town.
- B. Commercial development tax abatements may be granted for all or a portion of the expected tax increases resulting from real property improvements.
- C. Commercial development tax abatements may be granted for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

Section 24.12: Tax Abatements for Annexations

Full or partial tax abatement incentives to property owners desiring to be annexed into the Town may be granted for such periods of time not to exceed ten (10) years as the Council finds is in the best interests of the Town and is fair to the property owner desiring annexation.

Section 24.13: Terms and Conditions for Abatements

- A. The terms, conditions and amount of any municipal tax abatements made pursuant to § 24.11 or § 24.12 shall be decided on an individual basis by the council upon separate application by commercial establishments or by property owners.
- B. Special treatment of residents and property in an area to be annexed as to rates of municipal taxation and as to the provision of municipal services and facilities may be included in the terms and conditions determined by the Council.

Section 24.14: Required Findings for Abatements

In granting tax abatements pursuant to this article, the Council shall make specific findings as to why the tax abatements granted are necessary and in the best interests of the residents of the town.

Section 24.15: Form for Granting Tax Abatements

Each grant of tax abatement shall be made by a separate resolution duly offered and adopted at a public meeting of the town council.

The ultimate place to watch the **fireworks** is to head to DC to see the National Fireworks Display. However, if you would rather hang closer to home there are many wonderful places in Prince George's County Maryland to watch July 4th fireworks and celebrations.

Fort Washington

National Harbor - fireworks start at 9:30pm on July 3, 2011.

College Park

University of Maryland - event starts at 7pm

Mitchellville

Six Flags America - fireworks begin at dusk on both July 3 and July 4, 2011

Dowie

Allen Pond Park - event starts at 5:30, fireworks at dusk

Prince George's County Stadium - fireworks begin after the Bowie Baysox game

Greenbelt

Buddy Attick Park - entertainment begins at 4pm, fireworks at dusk

Laurel

Granville Gude Park - Parade & Car Show on Saturday July 2, 2011 beginning at 11am, fireworks at dusk.

Town of Bladensburg will be hold its Annual Independence Day program on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Memorial Cross area of Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD. In case of severe rain, the ceremony will be held at the Bladensburg Town Hall.

Town Community News

- THE TOWN IS MONITORING THE WORK BEING DONE BY WSSC AND WE EXPECT THEM TO REPAIR ALL STREET CUTS AND CURBS PROPERLY. FURTHERMORE.
- ADDITIONAL TRASH BINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$75.00 WHICH INCLUDES DELIVERY. THE TOWNS RECY-CLING PROGRAM HAS INCREASED BY 80% ACCORDING TO GOODE TRASH COMPANY.
- OTHER TOWNS HAVE NOTICED OUR AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION PROGRAM. THE COUNTY CALLED TO ASK ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND INDICATED THEY ARE EXPLORING THE PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY. DC HAS IMPLEMENTED THE AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION PROGRAM AS WELL. WHY? IT COSTS LESS AND INCREASES RECYCLING. RECYCLING REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF TRASH GOING TO THE LANDFILL BY 40%. THE AUTOMATED PROGRAM SAVES THE RESIDENTS APPROXIMATELY \$94,000 PER YEAR OR \$660,000 OVER THE LIFE OF THE 7 YR. CONTRACT.
- THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ICBN COORDINATOR HAS ASSURED US THAT THE CUTS MADE IN THE APRONS WILL BE PROPERLY REPAIRED WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR IS TEMPORARY SO WE EXPECT TO STAY ON THIS TO MAKE SURE IT IS DONE.
- SEVERAL NEW RESIDENTS HAVE CALLED ABOUT RECEIVEING THE RECYCLE BIN. THE RECYCLE PROGRAM IS THROUGH THE COUNTY AND NOT THE TOWN. THE NUMBER TO CALL IS 301-883-5045.
- REMEMBER RESIDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CUTTING THE GRASS TO THE CURB.
- PUBLIC WORKS HAS REPAIRED ALL THE POT HOLES IN TOWN, AND NEW STREET SIGNS HAVE BEEN OR-DERED AS A RESULT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BILL CLARK, LARRY M. STORNER SR., AND CYNTHIA MANN.
- WASHINGTON GAS WILL BE COMPLETING THE STREET PAVING IN AUGUST AND THE SCHEDULE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER.
- THE TOWN HAS ENTERED INTO FINAL NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF SPEED BUMPS WITH A COMBINATION OF SPEED BUMPS AND SPEED HUMPS AS WELL AS REPAIRING SPEED BUMPS THAT NEED REPAIR.
- WELCOME KEVIN MILLER HAS BEEN HIRED FULL TIME AS OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AFTER WORKING APPROXIMATELY 4 MONTHS AS A PART TIME CEO. STOP BY THE OFFICE TO MEET KEVIN.

Trash/Recycle Collection is to be Placed at the Curb the Night before Collection

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m. MONDAY-Recycle & Trash

Yard Waste will be Picked Up on Wednesday

THURSDAY—Bulk Three (3) items

METAL PICK-UP Metal placed on the curb will be picked up by

Public Works for a minimum of \$35.00 Propane Tank Pick-ups are \$30 each

NOTE: ANY TRASH OR RECYCLE BINS LEFT OUT WILL BE IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, AND WILL BE ISSUED A CITATION OF \$200.00. REPEAT OFFENDERS MAY BE ASSESSED A FINE UP TO \$400.00. (ALSO IF YOU USE YOUR OLD BIN YOUR TRASH WILL NOT BE PICKUP)



ORDINANCE CODE SECTION 11.2. Duty to Cut Grass

The owner and/or occupants of land to which this ordinance applies shall not allow tall grass or weeds to grow over eight inches (8") in height throughout the growing season, including grass and weeds in the right-of-way, and it shall be the duty of all owners and/or occupants of land located in Forest Heights either to cut or otherwise destroy by lawful means all tall grass and weeds, as defined in this ordinance, which are growing upon said property, before they reach a seed-bearing stage, and to prevent said weeds from perpetuating themselves and from becoming a detriment to public health. On an undeveloped lot, tall grass and weeds must be cut back at a distance of at least thirty (30) feet from the roadway so as to allow a clear line of site.



Town Community News and Senior Page



Christmas in April* **Prince George's County** This program is for the ELDERLY and/ or DISABLED

Come Pick-up your Application Please Complete and Return by

NOVEMBER 1, 2012

7915 Malcolm Road Clinton, MD 20735

CINA is seeking eligible home. Your could be next!

Rain Barrel Workshop

Connect with other concerned citizens of Prince George's County for a workshop to learn how to recycle rainwater for use on your property while also combating storm water pollution entering the Chesapeake Bay

WHEN:

Saturday, July 28, 2012, 9:30-11:30am

WHERE:

University of Maryland Center for Educational Partnership,

6200 Sheridan St., Riverdale, MD 20737

Join us for an information session with rain barrels provided at completion

Workshop Only: Free

Workshop plus 1 rain barrel: \$70

Workshop plus 2 rain barrels: \$140







Raffle Ticket \$5.00 each

Win an 8 day Cruise Ticket for two!

November 10-17, 2012

Drawing will be on **Forest Heights Day August 4, 2012**

Need not to be present to win

Cruises out of Baltimore Maryland



The Weatherization Assistance Program

(WAP) operated by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Free Programs and Single Family Special Loans. Two more Forest Heights residents took advantage of the Free Home Weatherization Program



The were awarded this service through a Collaboration Grant from MEA. Mayor Goodall is continuously seeking ways to assist residents with weatherization and ask that residents take advantage of these grants. Call Councilperson Reifsneider if you are interested in our ongoing program for weatherization.

> Call Councilmember Reifsneider for appointment 301-839-1146

60+ Plus Committee Mark your Calendar each Month

Councilman Robert Barnes & Councilwoman Ann Reifsneider work to provide activities and service to our citizens. Please mark your calendar for the:

Senior Bingo FIRST THURSDAY of each Month June 7, 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

FIRST and THIRD SATURDAY of each month COMMUNITY CARDS 1:00 -3:00 p.m.

For information on any of these programs, or to get involved, contact Councilman Barnes at **301-839-1030 ext. 303** anytime day or night, and leave a message.

Town Community News and Youth Page

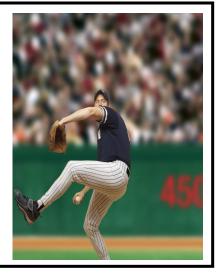
Forest Heights is Taking You Out to The Ball Game" (Baseball) we have

30 FREE TICKETS!

Let Get the Summer Started! New York Mets at Washington Nationals July 19, at 12:45 p.m.

bus leave the Town Hall at 12:00 p.m.

Please call to get on the list at 301-839-1030



Give back to the youth in your community.

Through volunteering with the Boy Scouts of Forest Heights, you will work with youth to build a better future for our country. Scouting volunteers come to Scouting from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. People from just about every occupation imaginable are involved in leading youth to become responsible, caring, and competent citizens. You'll also discover that Scout volunteering will enable you to learn new skills and build lifelong friendships while giving back to your community. Interested persons please call 301-839-1030.

Summer Residential Academy for Stem Students:

The Pre-College for Engineering Systems (PCES)

Summer Outreach Program

CESaC, Howard University

June 24 - July 20, 2012

For more information please contact either of the following:

CEACS (Dr. Chanda Macias) CESaC (732) 991-3948 Phone:

Phone: (202) 806-5350 Fax: (866) 289-8001

Email: Howardstem2012@gmail.com





FREE Summer Meals for children and teens **COMIDAS DE VERANO** GRATIS para niños y adolescents 1-877-731-9300 or log on to nokidhungrymd.org

Glassmanor Community Center

1101 Marcy Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 (301) 567-6033 () Dinner at 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Park Forest Apartments

625 Audrey Lane Oxon Hill, MD 20745 (301) 567-0700



ICE CREAM TRIVIA

Ice cream was invented in China about 2000 B.C. when a soft milk and rice mixture was packed in snow. About 62 A.D. Emperor Nero sent slaves to the top of the mountain s to get fresh snow which was then flavored with fruit and honey. Ice Cream was first made available at the Paris café in 1670. Ice cream cone was introduced at the St. Louis World Fair when a waffle vendor rolled waffles into a cone shape for an ice cream vendor at the next booth. Ice cream sundaes were created when it became illegal to sell ice cream flavored with soda on Sunday in Evanston, Illinois late in the 19 century. Ice cream was then served with syrup calling it an Ice Cream Sunday Eventually the "y" was replaced with an "e" to avoid upsetting religious leaders. The world's largest ice cream bar was made in Poland in September 1994. It took 11 days to make and weighed 10,357 pounds.

ΓΗΟUGHT: Some people get lost in thought, because it's unfamiliar territory.

Local Forest Heights

Post Customer

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Town Community News

SHARE FOOD NETWORK JULY 2012

You can order for August Share food starting

Order by July 6, 2012 Pick up Saturday July 21, 2012

July 6, last day to order August 10, 2012

NOTE: IF ORDER IS NOT PICKED UP IT WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. NOTE CASH ONLY

Menus Subject to Change

10:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. NOTA SOLO EFECTIVO

Pork Tenderloin Center Cut Pork Chops	10-4 oz. Salmon Burgers	Control No.
eless Pork Roast	71	
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Prince George's County Social Services conducts Mission Nutrition FREE FRESH PRODUCE

Largo-The Blvd! at the Capital Centre Monday July 16, 2012 FREE Fresh Produce 4:00 p.m. Please bring your own bags. One distribution per household. Produce and other items of the CAFB's Mobile Food Pantry are distributed free of charge to participants. Produce is distributed on a first-come first-served basis while available.



YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012

7:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

VENDORS WANTED SPACE \$ 15 / TABLE \$ 5

CALL 301 839-1030 OR CATHY CLARK AT 301-567-5780



